UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

MICHAEL T. HOWELL,

Petitioner,

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Respondent.

No. 3:20-CV-5020-RBL-DWC

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Magistrate Judge Christel's Report and Recommendation [Dkt. #], recommending dismissal of Petitioner's §2254 habeas petition, and dismissal without prejudice. Petitioner has not objected.

- The Report and Recommendation is **ADOPTED**.
- Petitioner's §2254 habeas petition is **DISMISSED** without prejudice;
- For the reasons articulated in the R&R, the Court will NOT issue a Certificate of Appealability.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to Petitioner, counsel for Respondent, and to the Hon. David W. Christel

DATED this 14th day of April, 2020.

Ronald B. Leighton United States District Judge

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